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In re Application of :
SERGEY POPOV :
Serial No. 09/936,741 : Examiner: Michael Hayes
Filed: September 13, 2001 : Art Unit: 3763
For: SAFETY TROCAR ASSEMBLY :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of
Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the herein Preliminary Amendment as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following changes to the Background of the Prior Art section of the originally submitted specification:

On page 1, line 9, delete “openings in body cavity walls used further as ports”.

On page 1, delete lines 10-15 in their entirety and insert in its place “orifices and trocar port placement in body cavity walls used further for diagnostic or surgical instrument insertion into body cavity. Trocar insertion into body cavity can be accompanied with internal organ injury. To prevent such a complication, the trocars are equipped with various protectors of piercing-cutting means. However, all known solutions do not eliminate the problem of internal organ injuries.”

On page 1, line 17, delete “on whose distal end there is a” and insert “having”.

On page 1, line 20, delete “within the range”.

On page 1, line 22, delete “opening in” and insert “perforate”.

On page 1, line 23 and 24, delete “force applied to its distal edge on the side of body cavity wall is removed, which occurs after complete exit of the exposed piercing-cutting means to” and insert “resistance of body cavity wall drops after the exposed piercing, cutting means has already entered the”.